Winnipeg Newspaper Ridicules the Bible !

Is this Mocking of God to go Unchallenged in Christian Winnipeg ?

WINNIPEG

The following Editorial appeared on page 4, O. B. Union Bulletin, in the issue of Thursday, Oct. 25, 1923, under the heading:—

Dope Peddlers Seek Child Victims

Prominent dope peddlers are not satisfied with the amount of dope they are able to administer to the school children of Manitoba. They have been given a clear field with regard to patriotic and many other poisons and they have thousands of diseased minds to show as a result of their activities, but they are peeved that a perfectly good brand of dope, very effective as a docile slave producer, is still unused by the public school authorities. In order to get permission to administer this powerful brain destroyer, a committe appeared before the Murray Royal Commission last week and pressed their claim. The daily press says in this connection:

> The need of religious education in Manitoba schools was stressed before the Murray royal commission at the final public hearing in the parliament buildings today. A delegation appearing on behalf of the religious education board, headed by Archdeacon McElheran, urged strongly the need for reading a portion of the Bible daily, in the schools of the province. They contended that it was not alone a splendid piece of literature, but also would help towards character building.

"SPLENDID LITERATURE"

"A splendid piece of literature," yes, so splendid that even now several churches are contemplating cutting out whole chunks of it which are considered indecent. This happens every so often as people become more civilized; later when we become civilized we shall discard the whole foolish jumble and wonder how any generation credited with reasoning powers and sense of decency, could elevate such an abortion to a position of an inspired work. However, sad to say, the time is not yet.

Archdeacon McElheran also said that the reading of the bible in the schools by the children would help toward character building. This, of course, is quite true; it has done so in the past, and has been responsible for the kind of characters we would be mighty lucky to avoid in the future. It has built up the mass of docile slaves who have willingly submitted to the lash and on the other hand it has produced the slave driver who has just as religiously and conscientiously applied it. It has stifled real progress and bound the people of the world to the dogma and traditions of the dark ages. It has condemned all those who have attempted to apply their reason fearlessly to the problems of mankind and has persecuted them as heretics and blasphemers. It has at all times sanctioned oppression and privilege and has helped to keep the slaves in mental and economic bondage. In short, it has been the most powerful weapon in the hands of the ruling classes throughout the ages and there is no other agency which has so richly merited the curses of the working class.

WORKERS WANT NONE OF IT.

No wonder our masters are so anxious to bring its pressure to bear upon the brain of the children of the working class today, and on every opportunity that presents itself they urge the greater use of this age old brain destroyer. The workers will do well to watch this issue closely. Our children are given poison enough in the public schools already without us allowing our masters to fill them with the greatest brain destroyer of them all.

RUSSIA!

The following article appeared in the New York Times, January 8th, 1923:—

"The newspapers today generally devoted pages to anti-religious features, some of them in colors, in connection with the Russian Christmas festivities which begin tonight and will continue through Sunday and Monday.

"The anti-religious demonstrations began tonight chiefly in the theatres, where there were lectures, speeches and satirical plays. The demonstrations planned for Sunday include parades, during which millions of anti-religious pamphlets will be distributed. The processions are to end with the burning of effigies of holy personages in prominent squares in various parts of the city."

That this drive was a huge success—from a Communist viewpoint—and was carried to its logical conclusion, was shown by Press Dispatches which appeared in most of the daily newspapers of January 9th. One of these dispatches describing the demonstrations in Moscow—seat of the Russian Communist Government, appeared in the Pittsburgh "Leader" of January 9th it is as follows:

"The Young Communists, observing the Christmas of the Georgian calendar yesterday, launched their widely hearlded "attack upon heaven" in a grotesque carnival procession that was a mockery of the world's great religions.

"As American college boys make merry after a football victory, so thousands of Russian students did a gigantic snake dance around a great bonfire, the kindling of which before one of the principal railway stations brought the day of revelry to a close. The climax of the celebration came, however, when the young people gleefully tossed into the flames straw and paper figures representing the Dieties of the Christian, Mohammedan Jewish and Buddist religions.

"The Russian Christmas has been especially chosen by the Young Communists as the occasion for shattering by mockery the ancient Yuletide story and the traditions which their organization hails as "religious myths," hence the procession that threaded the streets of Moscow today held few reminders of the old-time Christmas celebration of the Russian Church.

"Flaring stars of red, burlesque of the Star of Bethlehem, were borne aloft at the head of the parade, followed by posters and banners upon which were daubed cartoons of dieties and saints. No ikons, no reminders of the church procession that in the past have marked the advent of the Christmas festivals were in evidence. There was music and singing aplenty, but the songs were jeering parodies of the splendid carols or chants of the Russian Church.

"Lost in their long coats and army caps, young children from the orphanages and institutions tramped through the snow led by their teachers, to watch the bonfire which their Communist elders had decreed should take the place of the chimney side vigil in wait for Santa Clause.

A great portion of the civilized world must be shocked beyond words by this venemous, irrevelant, sacrilegious burlesque of the ancient Yuletide story and traditions, and this senseless but deliberate mocking of God by the **Young Communists. It is a challenge to the Christian World that must be answered in a manner that is decisive and unmistakable.**

We can censor few if any of the Young Communists for this sacrilegious spectacle, because their minds have been moulded and their actions directed by the older Communist satellites of Lenine, the self-admitted counterpart of the Communist created, atheistic demi-god, Karl Marx. The whole spectacle was decreed and staged to shatter and ridicule the so-called "Bourgeois Religious superstitions of the old order," **and was consistent in every detail with Communist teachings and philosophy, which are essentially atheistic.**

We have read and know that every act of the Communist regime, insofar as religion or religious worship is concerned, has been antagonistic and designed to create a hatred and contempt for everything of a religious nature in the impressionable minds of the youths of Russia.

We know the Official Soviet Republic Printing Bureau—called the State Printing Bureau—is getting out for wide distribution on atheistic book entitled "The Failure of God."

We know the attempt to absolutely destroy religion and religious worship in Russia, which met with such reaction by the outside Christian World that drastic action was abandoned.

We know as a result of this attempt, the church was so changed, and its activities so curtailed, that religious worship in Russia today is but a hollow pretense and subtle mockery.

On every hand in conspicuous places, particularly in the vicinity of the churches, are large signboards displaying the words **"Religion is Opiate for the People."** This is but one of the countless methods used alienate the people from the church, and is part of the competitive program of **Communism vs. Christianism,** which it is hoped will eventually destroy religious worship and belief.

Should the Communists accomplish the destruction of religion and religious worship in Russia, **it would be but a comparatively short time before the Christian World at large would be face to face with this bloody ruthless, terrible, unchristian, atheistic system that has dragged Russia and would drag the rest of the world into a black, deep chasm of despair.** The tenacles of this system are now gnawing at the vitals of the world, and each and every day the evidence of the contamination therefrom confronts us.

There is in Canada and in the United States Communist organizations that are guided by the best Communist minds of Russia, and are an exact counterpart in every way of the Russian organization. We have young Communist Leagues in Canada that are affiliated with the Young Communist League that staged the recent sacrilegious spectacle in Russia. We have an elder Communist organization that is guiding the activities of the Young Communists, and it is only due to the comparatively small number of their followers that we are not witnessing the same mockery, and the same sacrilegious acts as those described above.

IS IT NOT TIME FOR CHRISTIAN WINNIPEG TO WAKE UP!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS?